

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All you peoples, clap your hands,  
shout to God with cries of gladness,  
For the LORD, the Most High, the  
awesome, is the great king over all the  
earth. R

God mounts his throne amid shouts of  
joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.  
Sing praise to God, sing praise;  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.  
R.

For king of all the earth is God;  
sing hymns of praise.

God reigns over the nations.

God sits upon his holy throne. R

### **Second reading: Eph 1:17-23**

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened,

that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;  
I am with you always, until the end of the  
world. Alleluia, alleluia**

### **Gospel: Mt 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



**Reflection:** Now you know why Jesus disappeared. His ascension wasn't merely an exclamation point at the end of the resurrection; it provided his followers with power, grace, mercy, presence, gifts, and anticipation enabling them to advance his mission. On this Ascension Day (40 days after the resurrection), take time to reflect on how Jesus's ascension changed everything. Respond to the psalmist's call to “forget not all his benefits” (Ps. 103:2). Indeed, some of his most remarkable benefits flow to us as a result of Christ's ascension to God's right hand.

*The Ascension of The Lord*  
*21<sup>st</sup> May 2023*

*Welcome to the*  
*Parish of Cororooke...*

St Brendan's Coragulac  
St Joseph's Pirron Yallock

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Michelle Gorwell, Marg Allan, Bronwyn  
Hickman & Delia Melville  
**Supervising Priest:** Fr Michael O'Toole  
**School Principal:** Leanne Eastman  
**Parish Sec:** Gracesyn Perrett 52331464  
**Child Safety Officer:** Leanne Eastman  
**St Brendan's: 9.30am Sunday/  
5pm 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday**  
**St Joseph's: 10:30am Lay-led /  
Mass 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday**

**St Brendan's: 28th May- MASS @ 5PM**

**Communion Minister:**  
**Commentator :** M Allan  
**Reader:** A McCarthy  
**Lay Leaders:**

**St Joseph's:- NO SERVICE**

**Family:**  
**Communion Minister:**  
**Lay Leader:**

**ALTAR & SACRISTY DUTIES**

**St Brendan's: May: J Holland & H Holland**  
**St Joseph's: May A Convery & A Osborne**

**Counters:** May 21 A McCarthy

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Betty O'Brien, Janice  
McDonald, Maureen Martin, Mary Lloyd, Mick Nash,  
Rita ,O'Brien, Frank Garner, Patricia Whytcross.

***We keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who  
seek healing and wellness. May they  
feel valued and supported especially...***

***Leah Spokes, Geraldine Finn, Goldie Elsum,  
Leo Embrey, Kathleen O'Donnell, Lynda Newcombe***

**Dates to Remember:**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June\* @ 12.00: St Brendan's Feast Day Mass  
and Baptisms - All Welcome

St Brendan's Feast Day 16<sup>th</sup> May, this is going to be  
celebrated next month\*.

**Mass Counts:** There will be mass counts held in each of  
the week of May at both Churches

Pope's intention for May - - for church movements and  
groups: **We pray that Church movements and groups  
may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each  
day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs  
in the world. Lord, hear us.**

**St Brendan's Community Book Club.**

Our new book is DAISY JONES AND THE SIX by Taylor  
Jenkins Reid  
The Colac Library has copies, or you can purchase online.

**St Brendan's Feast Day and Baptisms**  
**08/06@12am**

**We pray for Brennen, Eden & Ivy Robb and  
Janet Ross and Caleb & Jordie Price who will be  
baptised Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> at St Brendan's @ 12  
midday. There will be a light lunch in the hall  
after, please bring a plate of sandwiches to share.**



### **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre (MMHC)**

- Australian Heritage Festival Open Day on Saturday, May 13, 2023: The MMHC building initially designed and operational as a place of providence and respite for women in their time of need is located on grounds that were purchased by Mary in 1901. Explore the Museum with one of our guides or independently with our new audio tour. A highlight of your day will be enjoying a cuppa with a Sister of Saint Joseph. Book for a guided tour that will run every hour between 10.30am – 3.30pm at <https://www.mmhc.org.au/australian-heritage-festival-open-day/>
- Mary of the Cross Exhibition: The Mary of the Cross Exhibition will be held April - June 2023, Monday – Friday from 10.00am – 4.00pm. The Heritage Centre is proud to present a new exhibition in the Temporary Gallery that explores the significance of the Cross in Mary's life. Visitors will be able to view objects from the museum's collection of Josephite emblems and crosses, while activity sheets will be available for young people to enjoy.
- Accommodation @MMHC: When in Melbourne book your next stay at the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre - accommodation in the heart of Melbourne. Contact Kate, ph. 9926 9300.

### **Vinnies Winter Appeal**

The St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Winter Appeal will focus on the number of older women experiencing and at risk of homelessness. Vinnies are also experiencing an increase in the number of people seeking assistance for the first time. Donations can be made at <https://www.vinnies.org.au/nswwinterwarmthappeal> on 13 18 12 and at all Vinnies Shops. Donations over \$2.00 are tax deductible.

### ***Prayer for Volunteers***

*We pray for all those who volunteer in our parishes.  
May we value the many talents and gifts that God  
has given to these people.*

*We thank them for generously offering their time to  
parish ministries.*

*For all these gifts, given out of your love, we thank  
you, God of all goodness. Amen.*

### ***A Blessing for Families***

*Heavenly Father, please bless our families with Your  
everlasting love.*

*Give our families strength to overcome hardship and  
difficulties.*

*Give our families courage to admit our faults and  
forgive others.*

*Give our families joy to live life to the full and spread  
our joy to others.*

*May all families find comfort, support and guidance  
under Your loving care. Amen.*